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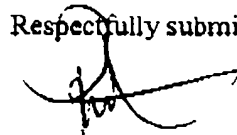
REMARKS

This amendment is supplemental to the response filed September 30, 2003. It is not acquiescence to any grounds of rejection, but is merely to facilitate prosecution. The skilled worker would clearly recognize the full scope of equivalents to the claimed subject matter.

In view of the above remarks, favorable reconsideration is courteously requested. If there are any remaining issues which could be expedited by a telephone conference, the Examiner is courteously invited to telephone counsel at the number indicated below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,



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